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Organization of work of the Second Committee

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Second Committee will be listed in the note by the Secretariat (A/C.2/73/1). Background information on those items can be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/73/100 and A/73/100/Add.1).

Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, Assembly decision 72/544 on the programme of work of the Second Committee for the seventy-third session of the Assembly, the provisional agenda of the seventy-third session of the Assembly (A/73/150) and the availability of documentation. The number of meetings suggested for the general discussion of the agenda items allocated to the Second Committee is based on past experience.

List of documents

3. Attention is drawn to the forthcoming addendum to the present note (A/C.2/73/L.1/Add.1), which will list the documentation submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Second Committee.

Statements by delegations

4. The list of speakers for the general debate and the general discussion of individual agenda items will open on Monday, 17 September 2018. The General Assembly, in its decision 65/530, decided to maintain the current time limits of 7 minutes for individual Member States and 10 minutes for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States during the general debate of the Second Committee. The Assembly also decided to maintain, as appropriate, the current time limits of 5 minutes for individual Member States and 7 minutes for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States during debates on individual agenda items.

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Conference facilities and meeting arrangements

5. Unless otherwise specified, meetings of the Second Committee will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The General Assembly has stressed that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. In this regard, it is expected that the requirement of the presence of at least one quarter of the members of the Committee to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed will be waived.

Informal consultations

6. In accordance with established practice, informal consultations will be used for expressing general observations on the proposals and for adopting them ad referendum. All drafting will be done at the level of informal informal consultations (without interpretation or other services) and will be conducted by the appointed coordinators/facilitators.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

7. Pursuant to paragraph 4 (c) of section D of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" should be considered in its entirety in plenary; subsequently, it was clarified by the General Committee that the relevant parts of chapter I of the report that fall under agenda items already allocated to the Main Committees would be considered by the Committee concerned for final action by the Assembly (see A/59/250/Add.1, para. 4).

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

8. Bearing in mind the number of meetings available to the Second Committee, it is proposed that the Committee set a target date of 29 November 2018 for the conclusion of its work.

Annex

Draft programme of work of the Second Committee[1]

Thursday, 4 October 2018

10 a.m.

Organizational meeting

Week of 8–12 October 2018

Monday, 8 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Keynote address

Opening of the general debate

3–6 p.m.

General debate (*continued*)

Tuesday, 9 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m.

General debate (*continued*)

Wednesday, 10 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

General debate (*continued and concluded*)

***Item 21*: Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)**

3–6 p.m.

Joint meeting with the Economic and Social Council[2]

Thursday, 11 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m.

***Item 18*: Macroeconomic policy questions:**

(a) International trade and development

(b) International financial system and development

(c) External debt sustainability and development

[1] The numbers of the agenda items as reflected in the draft programme of work correspond to the agenda items of the provisional agenda of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly (A/73/150).

[2] Concept note will be made available on the website of the Committee (www.un.org/en/ga/second/73/events.shtml).

(d) Promotion of international cooperation to combat illicit financial flows and strengthen good practices on assets return to foster sustainable development

***Item 19*: Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development (joint consideration)**

Friday, 12 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m.

***Item 26*: Agriculture development, food security and nutrition**

5 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 21

Week of 15–19 October 2018

Monday, 15 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m.

***Item 20*: Sustainable development:**

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

(c) Disaster risk reduction

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity

(g) Report of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme

(h) Harmony with Nature

(i) Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

(j) Combating sand and dust storms

Tuesday, 16 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

***Item 20*: Sustainable development and sub-items (a) to (j) (*continued*)**

3–6 p.m.

Side event[3]

5 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 26

Wednesday, 17 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m.

***Item 24*: Eradication of poverty and other development issues:**

(a) Implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018–2027)

(b) Industrial development cooperation

Friday, 19 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

***Item 22*: Globalization and interdependence:**

(a) Globalization and interdependence

(b) International migration and development

3–6 p.m.

***Item 17*: Information and communications technologies for sustainable development**

5 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 24 and sub-items (a) and (b)

Week of 22–26 October 2018

Monday, 22 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

***Item 23*: Groups of countries in special situations:**

(a) Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

(b) Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries

3–6 p.m.

***Item 25*: Operational activities for development:**

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

(b) South-South cooperation for development

5 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 18 and sub-items (a) to (d) and item 19

[3] Concept note will be made available on the website of the Committee (www.un.org/en/ga/second/73/events.shtml).

Tuesday, 23 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

***Item 25*: Operational activities for development and sub-items (a) and (b)** (*continued and concluded*)

***Item 27*: Towards global partnerships**

3–6 p.m.

Side event[4]

5 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 17 and item 22 and sub-items (a) and (b)

Wednesday, 24 October

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions

3–6 p.m.

***Item 65*: Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources**

5 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 20 and sub-items (a) to (d), and item 23 and sub-items (a) and (b)

Thursday, 25 October

5 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 25 and sub-items (a) and (b), and item 27

Friday, 26 October

5 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 65

Week of 29 October–2 November 2018

Monday, 29 October

5 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 20 and sub-items (e) to (j)

Week of 5–9 November 2018[5]

Tuesday, 6 November

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Introduction of and action on draft proposals

[4] Concept note will be made available on the website of the Committee (www.un.org/en/ga/second/73/events.shtml).

[5] The 2018 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 2018 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held on Monday, 5 November 2018.

Thursday, 8 November

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Introduction of and action on draft proposals

Week of 12–16 November 2018

Tuesday, 13 November

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Thursday, 15 November

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Week of 19–23 November 2018

Tuesday, 20 November

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Wednesday, 21 November

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

Week of 26–30 November 2018

Tuesday, 27 November

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

***Item 138*: Programme planning**

Action on draft proposals

Wednesday, 28 November

3–6 p.m.

***Item 124*: Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly**

Action on draft proposals

Thursday, 29 November

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Action on draft proposals

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Addendum

Status of documentation for the session

The annex to the present note provides information on the status of documentation before the Second Committee as at 12 September 2018.

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Annex

Status of documentation of the Second Committee for the seventy-third session of the General Assembly

Agenda item sub-item	*Symbol title*	*Forecast meeting date*	*Author*	*Date issued*
17.	**Information and communications technologies for sustainable development**			
	A/73/66-E/2018/10	19/10/2018	UNCTAD	28/03/2018
	Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels: Report of the Secretary-General			
18.	**Macroeconomic policy questions**			
(a)	International trade and development			
	A/73/15 (Part I)	11/10/2018	UNCTAD	10/08/2018
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its sixty-sixth executive session (Part I)			
	A/73/15 (Part II)	11/10/2018	UNCTAD	
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its sixty-fifth session, part 1 (Part II)			
	A/73/15 (Part III)	11/10/2018	UNCTAD	
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its resumed sixty-fifth session, part 1 (Part III)			
	A/73/15 (Part IV)	11/10/2018	UNCTAD	
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its sixty-fifth session, part 2 (Part IV)			
	A/73/208	11/10/2018	UNCTAD	
	International trade and development: Report of the Secretary-General			

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(b)	International financial system and development			
	A/73/280	11/10/2018	DESA	24/08/2018
	International financial system and development: Report of the Secretary-General			
(c)	External debt sustainability and development			
	A/73/180	11/10/2018	UNCTAD	20/08/2018
	External debt sustainability and development: Report of the Secretary-General			
(d)	Promotion of international cooperation to combat illicit financial flows and strengthen good practices on assets return to foster sustainable development			
		11/10/2018		
	No advance documentation			
19.	**Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development**			
	A/73/86-E/2018/68	11/10/2018	DESA	26/06/2018
	Summary by the President of the Economic and Social Council of the forum on financing for development follow-up, including the special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (New York, 23–26 April 2018) (General Assembly resolutions 69/313 and 72/208 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 2010/26 and 2014/11)			
20.	**Sustainable development**			
	A/73/283	15/10/2018	DESA	31/08/2018
	International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development, 2017: Report of the Secretary-General			
	A/73/258	15/10/2018	DESA	27/08/2018
	Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Development: Report of the Secretary-General			

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	A/73/302	15/10/2018	UNDP	17/08/2018
	Oil slick on Lebanese shores: Report of the Secretary-General			
	A/73/81-E/2018/59	15/10/2018	DESA	19/05/2018
	Mainstreaming the three dimensions of sustainable development throughout the United Nations system: Report of the Secretary-General			
(a)	**Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development**			
	A/73/204	15/10/2018	DESA	27/08/2018
	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development: Report of the Secretary-General			
(b)	**Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States**			
	A/73/345	15/10/2018	DESA	
	Assessment resulting from the evolving mandates of the Small Island Developing States Unit: Report of the Secretary-General			
	A/73/225	15/10/2018	DESA	27/08/2018
	Sustainable development of the Caribbean Sea for present and future generations: Report of the Secretary-General			
	A/73/226	15/10/2018	DESA	27/08/2018
	Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: Report of the Secretary-General			

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(c)	Disaster risk reduction			
	A/73/268	15/10/2018	UNISDR	27/08/2018
	Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030. Report of the Secretary-General			
(d)	Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind			
	A/73/255	15/10/2018	DESA	27/08/2018
	Implementation of United Nations environmental conventions: Note by the Secretary-General			
(e)	Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa			
	A/73/255	15/10/2018	DESA	27/08/2018
	Implementation of United Nations environmental conventions: Note by the Secretary-General			
(f)	Convention on Biological Diversity			
	A/73/255	15/10/2018	DESA	27/08/2018
	Implementation of United Nations environmental conventions: Note by the Secretary-General			
(g)	Report of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme			
	A/73/25	15/10/2018	UNEP	07/04/2018
	Report of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (Suppl. No. 25)			

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(h)	Harmony with Nature			
	A/73/221	15/10/2018	DESA	27/08/2018
	Harmony with Nature: Report of the Secretary-General			
(i)	Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all			
	A/73/267	15/10/2018	DESA	22/08/2018
	Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all: Report of the Secretary-General			
(j)	Combating sand and dust storms			
	A/73/306	15/10/2018	UNEP	31/08/2018
	Combating sand and dust storms: Report of the Secretary-General			
21.	**Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)**			
	A/73/307	10/10/2018	UN-Habitat	29/08/2018
	Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat): Report of the Secretary-General			
	A/73/83-E/2018/62	10/10/2018	UN-Habitat	01/06/2018
	Progress on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda: Report of the Secretary-General			

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22.	**Globalization and interdependence**			
(a)	Globalization and interdependence			
	A/73/290	19/10/2018	DESA	05/09/2018
	Towards a New International Economic Order: Report of the Secretary-General			
(b)	International migration and development			
	A/73/286	19/10/2018	DESA	05/09/2018
	International migration and development: Report of the Secretary-General			
23.	**Groups of countries in special situations**			
(a)	Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries			
	A/73/291	22/10/2018	OHRLLS	30/08/2018
	Implementation, effectiveness and added value of smooth transition measures and graduation support: Report of the Secretary-General			
	A/73/80-E/2018/58	22/10/2018	OHRLLS	11/05/2018
	Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020: Report of the Secretary-General			
(b)	Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries			
	A/73/297	22/10/2018	OHRLLS	04/09/2018
	Implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024: Report of the Secretary-General			
24.	**Eradication of poverty and other development issues**			
	A/73/274	17/10/2018	DESA	29/08/2018
	Promotion of sustainable tourism, including ecotourism, for poverty eradication and environment protection: Note by the Secretary-General			

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(a)	Implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018–2027)			
	A/73/298	17/10/2018	DESA	05/09/2018
	Implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018–2027): Report of the Secretary-General			
(b)	Industrial development cooperation			
	A/73/121	17/10/2018	DESA	01/08/2018
	Industrial development cooperation: Note by the Secretary-General			
25.	**Operational activities for development**			
(a)	Operational activities for development of the United Nations system			
	A/73/63-E/2018/8	22/10/2018	DESA	24/02/2018
	Implementation of General Assembly resolution 71/243 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, 2018: Report of the Secretary-General			
(b)	South-South cooperation for development			
	A/73/321	22/10/2018	UNDP/SSC	11/09/2018
	State of South-South cooperation: Report of the Secretary-General			
	A/73/311	22/10/2018	JIU	10/08/2018
	Progress report on the recommendations contained in the review of South-South and triangular cooperation in the United Nations system: Note by the Secretary-General			
	A/73/311/Add.1	22/10/2018	CEB	20/08/2018
	Comments on the progress report on the recommendations contained in the review of South-South and triangular cooperation in the United Nations system: Note by the Secretary-General			

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		22/10/2018	UNDP/SSC	
	Proposed organization of work of the Second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation: Note by the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 71/318)			
26.	**Agriculture development, food security and nutrition**			
	A/73/287	12/10/2018	DESA	20/08/2018
	Activities during the International Year of Pulses, 2016: Report of the Secretary-General			
	A/73/69-E/2018/47	12/10/2018	DESA	28/02/2018
	Report on the main decisions and policy recommendations of the Committee on World Food Security: Note by the Secretary-General			
	A/73/293	12/10/2018	DESA	31/08/2018
	Agriculture development, food security and nutrition: Report of the Secretary-General			
27.	**Towards global partnerships**			
	A/73/186	23/10/2018	JIU	30/08/2018
	Report on the United Nations system — private sector partnership arrangements in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Note by the Secretary-General			
	A/73/186/Add.1	23/10/2018	CEB	31/08/2018
	Comments on the report on the United Nations system: private sector partnership arrangements in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Note by the Secretary-General			
	A/73/326	23/10/2018	EOSG	11/09/2018
	Enhanced cooperation between the United Nations and all relevant partners, in particular the private sector: Report of the Secretary-General			

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65.	**Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources**			
	A/73/87-E/2018/69	26/10/2018	RCNYO	21/06/2018
	Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan: Note by the Secretary-General			
124.	**Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly**			
		28/11/2018		
	No advance documentation			
138.	**Programme planning**			
		27/11/2018		
	No advance documentation			

Abbreviations:

CEB	United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination
DESA	Department of Economic and Social Affairs
DM	Department of Management
EOSG	Executive Office of the Secretary-General
JIU	Joint Inspection Unit
OHRLLS	Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States
RCNYO	Regional Commissions New York Office
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UN-Habitat	United Nations Human Settlements Programme
UNISDR	United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction